MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that these books were not available in the offices of the Assistant Inspectors of Schools since the stock was not available in Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Exactly, that was the position. The Company was asked to supply the required number of copies not later than the 25th April. But the books arrived only in July.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to make suitable arrangements in order that such difficulties may not recur hereafter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That has already been answered. The Readers are proposed to be printed locally and made available sufficiently early before the re-opening of the schools next year.

Recommendations of the Curricula Revision Committee.

147. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state why orders have not yet been passed on the recommendations of the Committee for the revision of the curricula of studies in Vernacular Schools, though it is about three years since the recommendations were made?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are of opinion that the consideration of the curricula for the Vernacular Middle and High School courses may be postponed till orders are passed on the Report of the University Committee, in view of such important questions as the amalgamation of the English and Vernacular Middle School courses, the introduction of vocational training etc., awaiting solution in that connection. The Director of Public Instruction has been asked whether the proposed course of studies for the Primary Schools may be introduced from the beginning of the next school year, retaining the existing curricula of studies for the Middle School and High School courses. Orders will issue on receipt of his reply.

Mahomedan Vernacular Schools and their Strength.

148. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of Vernacular Schools for Mahomedans in the State, and the total strength in all these schools on the last day of the school year 1924-25?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

	No.	*Strength.*
Mahomedan Boys' Schools	63	6,641
Mahomedan Girls' Schools	8	679
Total	71	7,320

Statistics of Tamil Schools and Tamil Students.

149. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing, by taluks,

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